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PERMIT

FORESTRY OPERATIONS PERMIT FOP 16010

The staff of the Maine Forest Service, after reviewing the application and supporting documents submitted by Seven Islands Land Company for Forestry Operations Permit FOP 16010, finds the following facts:

1. Landowner: Phillips Family
2. Applicant & Agent: Seven Islands Land Company
PO Box 1168
Bangor, Maine 04402-1168
3. Date of Completed Application: May 04, 2016
4. Location of Proposal: Davistown (T3R3 WBKP), Franklin County
5. Zoning: (P-MA) Mountain Area Protection Subdistrict
6. Approximate Time Period of Operations: July 2016 through July 2021

Proposal

7. The applicant proposes to conduct a timber harvest on approximately 695 acres in five separate areas in the P-MA zones on the Phillips ownership. (See Exhibit 2 a-d)
8. The harvest will be conducted during summer, fall and winter ground conditions over the next five years.
9. The applicant proposes that a mixture of harvest types be conducted in the P-MA areas. (See Exhibit 1)

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Review Comments

10. The State Soil Scientist stated that the P-MA harvests are proposed to take place in the winter on wetter ground, as is appropriate, or when the soil dries up in summer or early fall which is also appropriate. The decision on when to harvest should be made on site specific conditions when the harvesting is actually conducted and not solely on the basis of the soil maps.
11. The Regional Wildlife Biologist commented that two species of special conservation need or the habitats for those species may occur within the proposed harvest areas. The species are Northern Bog lemming and Roaring Brook Mayfly. A site visit did not indicate the presence of the two species or their habitat.
12. The Maine Natural Areas Program stated that there are no known occurrences of threatened, rare or endangered plants in the harvest area.

Findings

13. A field visit was conducted May 27, 2016. The field visit showed the permit application was complete and accurate.
14. There will be no road or yard construction in the P-MA.
15. The harvest activity will utilize a cut-to-length system with slash used to stabilize forwarder trails.
16. In the harvested portion of the P-MA, streams were not found to be suitable habitat for Roaring Brook Mayfly.
17. In the harvested portion of the P-MA high elevation sphagnum wetlands required by Northern Bog lemming is absent.
18. Except for Area D, post-harvest stands in the harvested areas are not expected to be considered clearcuts as defined by MFS Chapter 20 Rule, Forest Regeneration and Clearcutting Standards.
19. The streams in the harvest portions of the P-MA are mapped and unmapped P-SL2 drainages. All crossings will be designed to meet Chapter 27 standards.
20. Slopes greater than 35% and ledge outcroppings will be avoided.
21. Saturated soils or soils with high water tables will be harvested during the winter or when the soils are frozen to decrease rutting and minimize the potential for erosion on steeper ground.
22. The areas to be harvested are behind a gated road system not regularly used by the public. The harvest may be visible from private logging roads to the north or from other mountainous areas in the region.

The information provided in the application, along with an MFS inspection of the site conditions in the area to be harvested, demonstrate that the petitioner has met its burden of proof and satisfied the requirements of Chapter 27, Section 4.

Based upon the above proposal, the MFS concludes that the proposal will meet the Criteria for Approval, 12 M.R.S. §Section 685-A(1) of the Commission's Statutes, and Maine Forest Service Rules, Chapters 20 and 27.

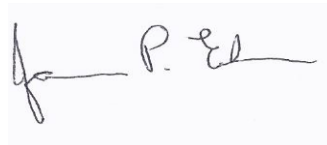
Therefore, the MFS staff approves the application of Seven Islands Land Company with the following conditions:

1. The operation will be conducted according to the harvest plan submitted as part of the application for the permit. (See Exhibit 1)
2. The harvesting authorized in this permit can commence on the effective date of this permit and should be completed within the time outlined in Section 6 above. If such activities are not started and completed within this time period, this permit lapses and no activities may then occur unless and until a new permit or extension to the existing permit has been granted by the MFS.
3. All harvesting activities will be performed according to the standards in Chapter 27 Rule Standards for Timber Harvesting and Timber Harvesting Related Activities within Unorganized and Deorganized Areas of the State, Section 4 as applicable.

If no person requests that the Maine Forest Service review the decision of staff within 30 days of the date of this staff decision, this permit becomes final agency action subject to review of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §§ 11001 *et seq.*, a person aggrieved by an MFS permit decision may appeal the MFS's final action to Superior Court. As part of such an appeal, a person aggrieved may seek judicial review of the components of MFS's final action and permitting decision.

This permit is approved only upon the above stated conditions and remains valid only if the permittee complies with all of these conditions. In addition, any person aggrieved by this decision of the staff may, within 30 days, request that the Maine Forest Service review the decision.

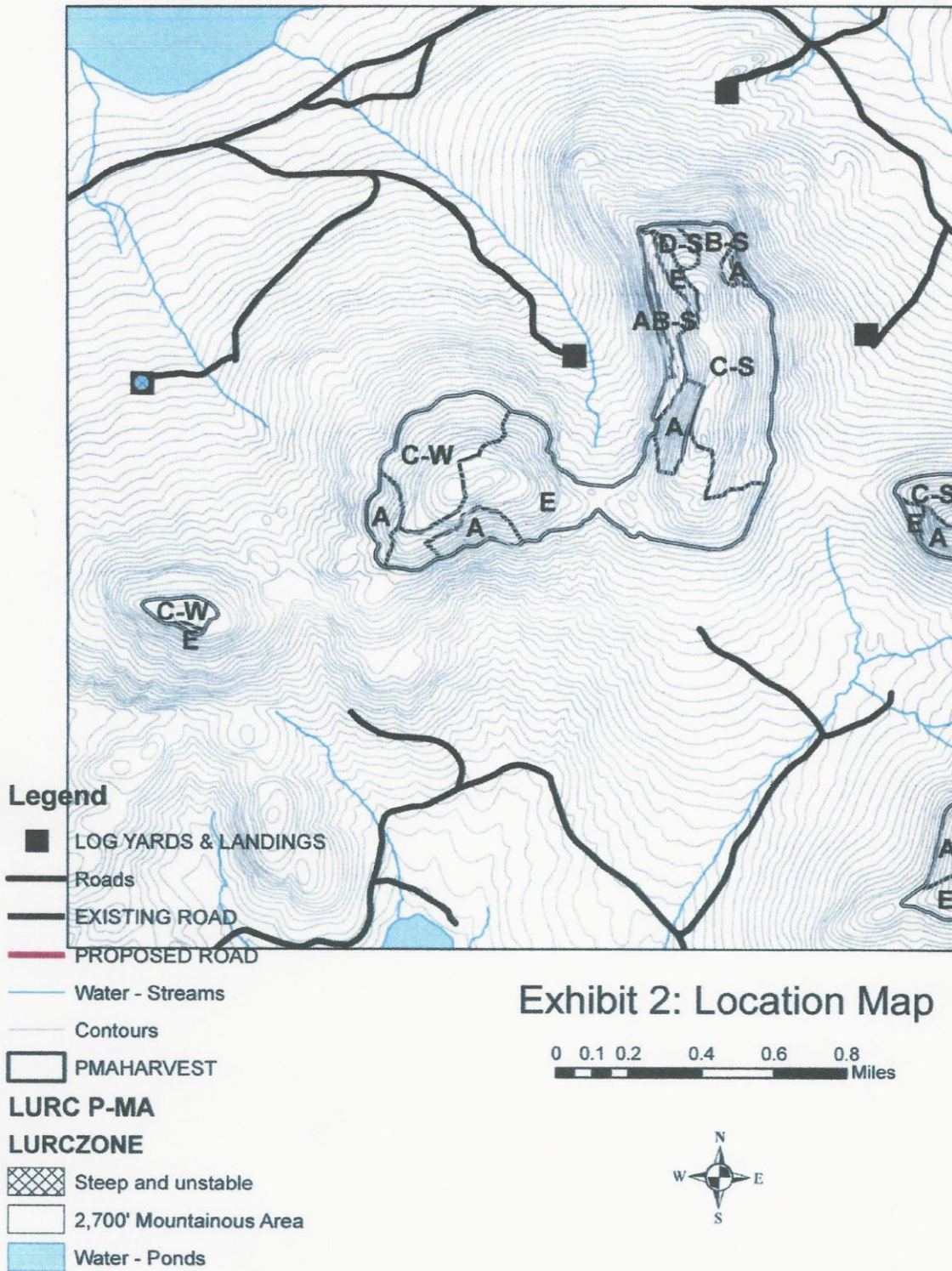
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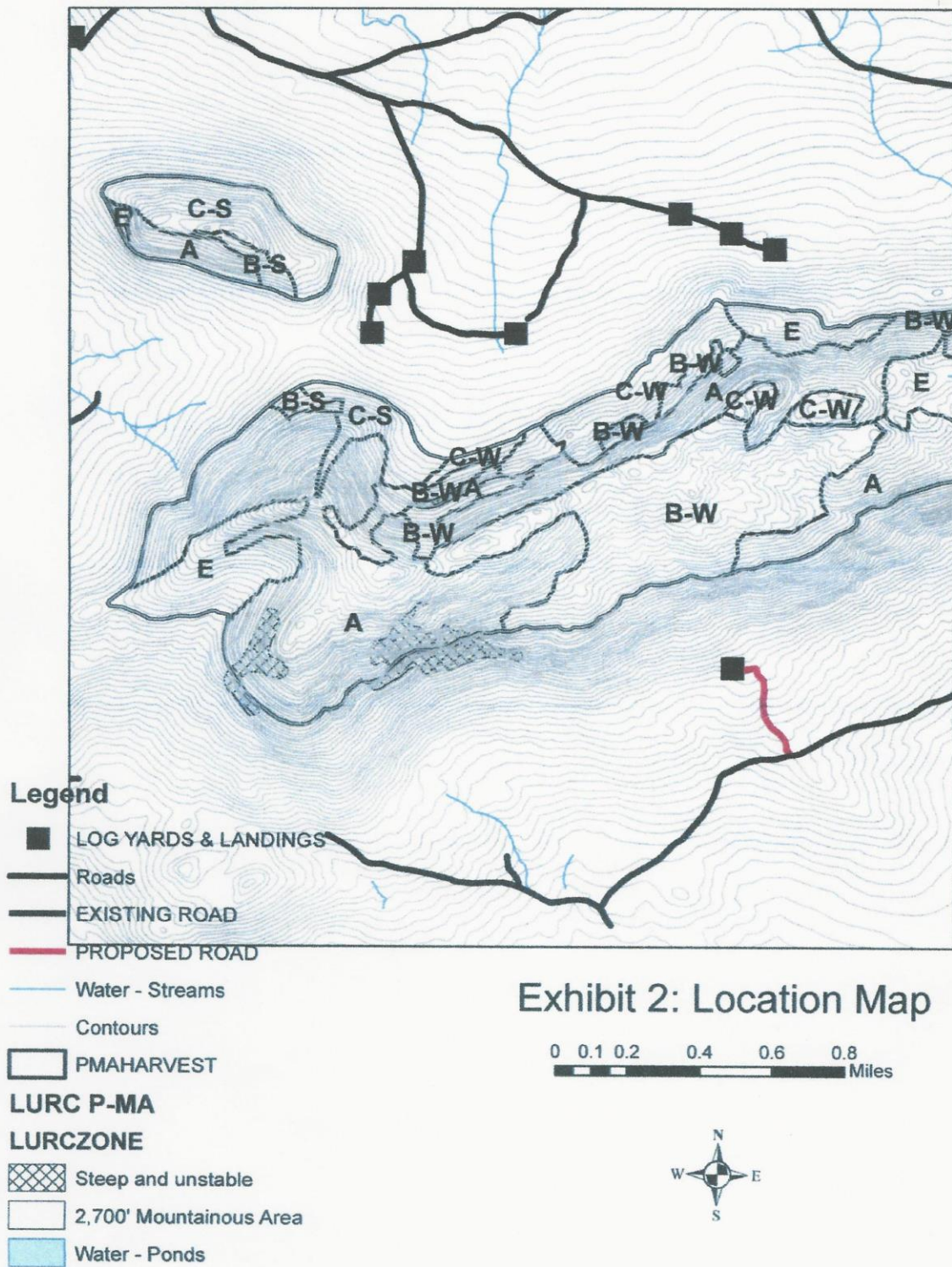
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Exhibit 1

MAP DESIGNATION	ACREAGE	HARVEST TYPE
Area B	374 Acres	Shelterwood Removal principally removing Balsam fir, white birch and spruce which is not going to be windfirm.
Area C	315 Acres	Light removal using various techniques targeting balsam fir and yellow and white birch which exhibits dieback, decline or external defects.
Area D	6 Acres	Clear Cut for the creation of a conifer plantation





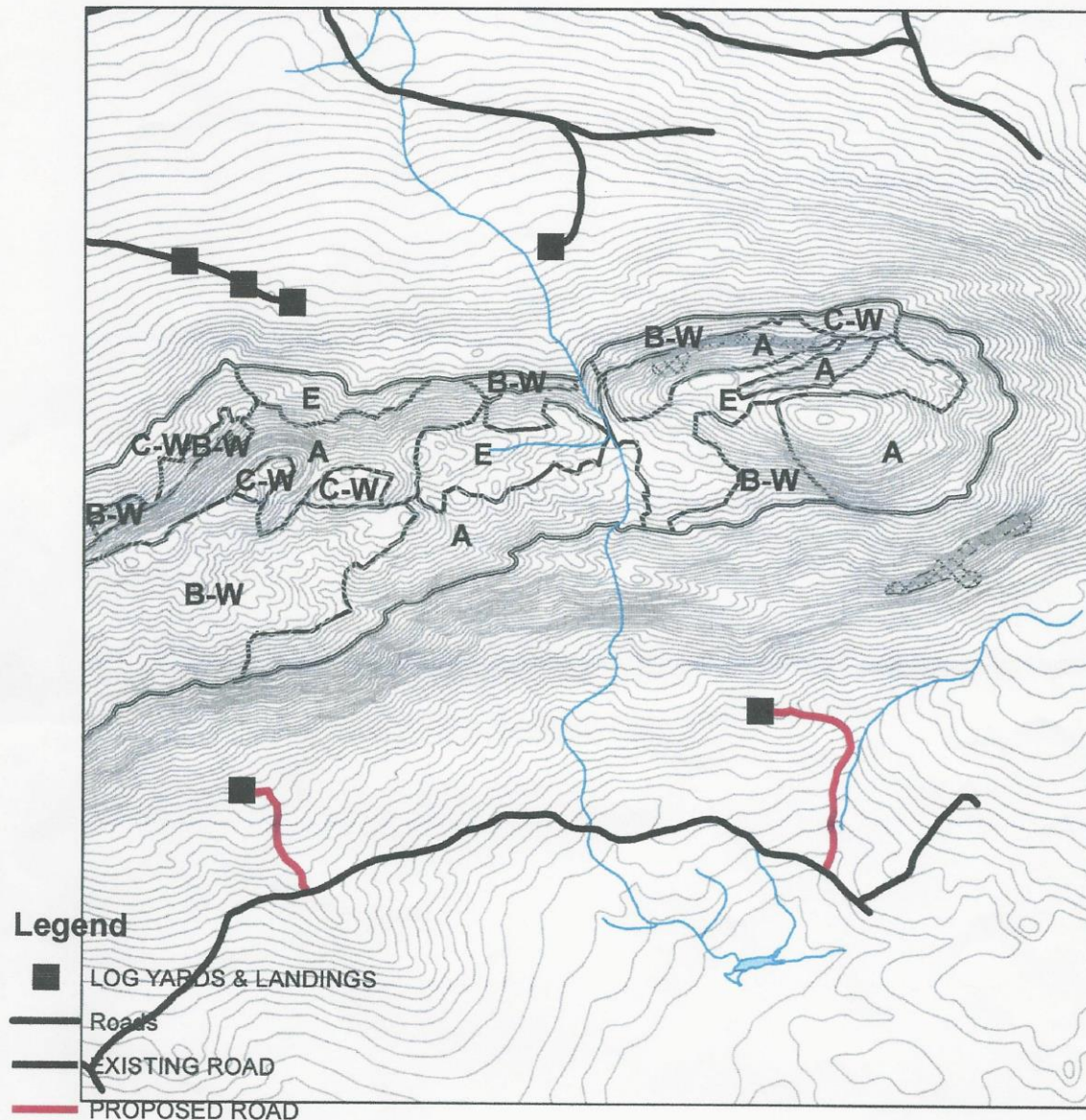


Exhibit 2: Location Map

